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A Legacy of Music – Nolan Gibbons

By Marilou Newell

Nolan Gibbons was a young man whose love of all things musical manifested itself at a very young age. His mother, Sheila, and father, Warren, dedicated themselves to giving their son all the opportunities possible for a musically gifted child. To that end, Sheila would spend many hours taking Nolan to and from rehearsals and performances, many of which were produced by the Break a Leg Theater Works in Plymouth.

With Nolan's untimely passing last summer, his many fellow performers, family, and friends were at a loss. Slowly it was decided that Nolan's legacy should be one of supporting and inspiring other young performers as they pursued their dreams as Nolan had.



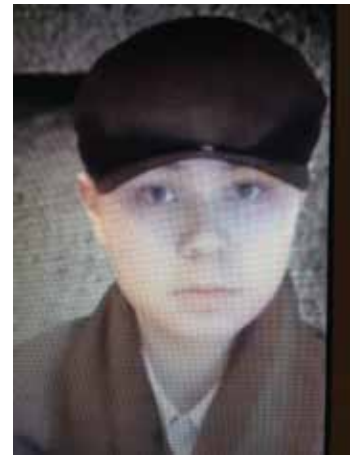
Nolan, who lived in Marion, was only 15 years old when he passed away suddenly on August 18.

Recently, the Old Rochester Regional School Committee approved a memorial plaque to honor Nolan, which will be placed in the school and will include Nolan's photo, a favorite quote, "Everyone likes to be themselves," and a quick-response (QR) code to Nolan's Spotify artist page.

The sophomore class had held a "day of purple" when students donned Nolan's favorite color and raised

funds to create the memorial in his name. They raised just over \$600, and, while the plaque will only cost a fraction of that sum, the sophomore class wishes to donate the remaining funds to a scholarship created in Nolan's name at A Capella Academy, a summer music camp that he especially loved.

During the fall, as the ORR Drama Club sought to find a way to perform, two converging thoughts came together: 1. The students would have to perform while maintaining social distancing; 2. They would bring Nolan into a production he would have been part of by incorporating some of his original compositions. It also gave this group of young thespians the vehicle for confronting and expressing their



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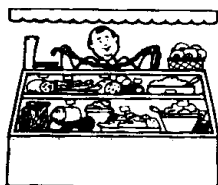
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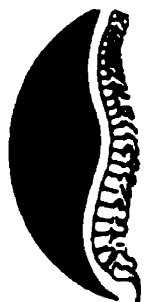
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grief.

ORR Drama Club Director Jacob Shelburne explained that selecting the Spoon River Anthology by Edgar Lee Masters provided an opportunity for the club members to not only perform but also to remember their fallen classmate. Further, Shelburne said that the individual monologues which comprise the piece lent themselves more fully to the necessity of presenting the club's performance via an internet platform (YouTube).

And not only was the Drama Club exploring the depths of human emotion and ancient themes of right, wrong, love, and death, but they could also use some of Nolan's music. The club decided to use their two live-streamed performances as a fundraiser for Break a Leg Theater.

Donations can be given to the Nolan Gibbons Scholarship Fund / Break a Leg Theater at www.breakalegtheater.com.

The story itself is very dark, with Scene One of a cemetery where deceased residents of the fictional town Spoon River return to share their hidden feelings and histories in monologues. The original published work has some 214 separate voices of free-verse poetry. It was not an easy road by any standard for an actor to take on, especially when adding the rather cumbersome Victorian use of the English language. Yet the ORR Drama Club did an outstanding job delving into the characters they were asked to inhabit, as they spoke from their graves of unfulfilled hopes and dreams. Remarkably, the students were also able to bring out the tender moments as well.

The plan had been to perform the piece outdoors, but when restrictions on gatherings were implemented, Sherburne said the piece was reworked using video. The actors were individually videotaped and, through the editing process and the use of green screens, brought together so the viewer can see both individual speeches and interactive moments throughout the production.

The large cast included: Bessie Pierre (Death), Bella Carrillo (the passerby), Emma Vivino (Horace), Lee Grondin (Dr. Meyers), Ella Caesar (Minerva Roberts), Jackson Veugen (Dillard Sissman), Lucy Zhang-Yee (Dorcus), Savannah Teixeira (Ms. Bliss), Amaya McLeod

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Original musical pieces produced, played, and sung by Nolan were permitted by his parents. The production and stage team included Tiago Duarte, Emily DellaCioppa, and Bailey Gosse. Wardrobe manager was Alice DeCicco-Carey, and production and poster design was led by Taylor Green. Sound producer was Hannah Furtado, and assistant director was Beth Trout.

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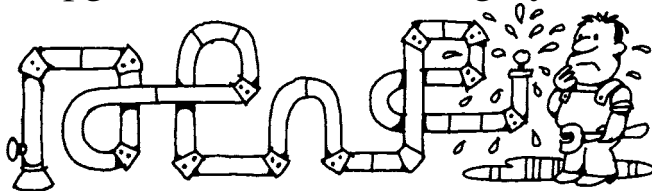
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Butter Tales

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

I was in my early twenties before I fully appreciated the tasteful difference between oleomargarine and butter. You see, in my childhood home, it was oleomargarine that was the staple for spreading on toast, tossing into a pot of hot potatoes, or merely slathering on saltine crackers. Ma's frugality called for margarine, a taste she had developed most assuredly from living through the depression and World War II.

While butter, the real stuff, is a standard US agricultural commodity, its purity, made from real milk and maybe even cream, means it costs more at the grocery store. As such, it didn't qualify for inclusion on Ma's shopping list.

Come to think of it, often the list called for a single stick of oleomargarine. Times were tough.

When

I was finally introduced to butter, most likely while out to eat where tiny discs of butter graced a side plate, simply put, there was no turning back. But because I was still living at home, those grotesque artificially-colored sticks of grease prevailed.

By the way, oleo without the margarine ending was invented by a French chemist (Sacrebleu). The oleo was made from rendered animal fat and flavored milk. Things that make you go, "No, thank you!" Decades later, it was created from vegetable oils; yellow food coloring was added to give it a hue other than paraffin; it was renamed oleomargarine and became a less expensive



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choice versus butter for many households.

As far as Ma was concerned, certain things denoted whether or not you were trying to reach above your station in life, such as driving a new car, owning a home, or eating butter instead of margarine. Much later in her life, when I did own a new car and a home, I had the audacity to place a full stick of butter on the Sunday dinner table. Looking upon the pale log of butter, she said, and I quote, "Oh, so fancy." The tinge of sarcasm lay like a flattened soufflé in the center of the table. "It just tastes better, Ma," I quietly responded. "Says you," her barbed retort. I remember retrieving the tub of "I Can't Believe It's Not Butter" that I kept at the ready for her visits to my table.

So how did this exciting theme, butter, bubble to the top of my imagination? Well, I've had a lot of time on my hands, or should I say on my mind since last March when you know what cast a shadow across the globe. Luckily municipal governments and many boards and committees have found ways to conduct meetings, keeping local news outlets busy. But not busy enough for my liking, thus the mind wanders, especially when closeted in isolation.

And so, I remembered making Ma breakfast. My culinary arts were limited, but Ma didn't care as long as things were prepared to her standards— golden slices of toast and a cup of instant coffee served at her bedside. She didn't sleep well and spent most of her life staying



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up all night long after Johnny Carson's show was off the air. If still not sleepy, she'd gather the blankets around her shoulders and snuggle in to read a paperback until dawn.

Getting her up in the morning, especially on school days, was a challenge. We didn't depend on her during the early hours of the day. Dad was up. But I was taught how to make her breakfast, and that included margarine.

The proper preparation of toast was so important to Ma that even the spreading of that yellowish mound melting across the toasted bread had to be carefully applied. "All the way out to the edges, don't miss a spot," she'd call from her bed. Failure was not an option.

For her part, Ma cooked with margarine, baked with margarine, and even licked it off a knife. It ruled in her kitchen.

In remembering all these insignificant bits of family history, it made me start to wonder about butter, its history, its place in world economics, and its full-flavored wonderfulness. Proudly, I say, I am a butter eater.

"Butter eaters" was a term used by Mediterranean people for people living in the north who ate butter. The southern regions preferred olive oil. Tribal conflicts and such being very commonplace in the history of humankind (surprise), names were called. Thus, the southerners called the northerners "butter eaters" as a form of disparagement.

Looking deeper into the history of butter – well,

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why not, I have the time – it is interesting to note that butter was inadvertently discovered about 3,000 years ago. True story.

A person somewhere in the Middle East placed a sheepskin filled with milk over the back of their horse and rode off to market. Upon arrival, they were surprised to find that the milk had been churned into butter from the jostling of the horse's stride. It was a eureka moment, one that would forever change not only how milk products were consumed by people but also by changing the market economy.

Other facts on butter's history that I suspect you are on tenterhooks to learn include the Pilgrims, who brought barrels of butter with them. While over in Norway, butter was so prized that the king demanded a full bucket every year as a tax. By the 12th century, butter was big business and central to the Scandinavian economy. In the Indian subcontinent, ghee, a type of clarified butter, had been a staple for centuries. Ghee, not to be confused with butter but of worthy note, is a milk byproduct that is 100 percent butterfat, no water. Call it a butter's older cousin.

But, yes, it was the economic collapse from the Great Depression that brought oleomargarine to the forefront of home cuisine, and we can't forget rationing created by WWII.

Today, California is the largest US producer of butter with whopping statistics. In 2019, the US consumed

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1.99 billion pounds of butter. That equates to well over 18 pounds per person per capita or 1.5 sticks every week. In my book, that's about average.

The largest overall producer of butter in the world is India, followed by the European Union. That is not surprising, given that butter eaters populate northern Europe. Lurpak, a Danish butter producer, won the World Salted Butter Championships in 2018, fending off 30 competitors. Wunderbar! Oh, wait, that's German, sorry. Imagine a butter competition. Do the judges swirl pads of butter around in the mouth before spitting it out, as a winemaker would do? It's a pretty disgusting thought, but I do wonder about the judging process.

Ma never switched to butter. I, on the other hand,

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never returned to margarine. Lines were drawn and never crossed. I was always considered the rebel in the family. Here is evidence.

Like a naughty child, it always gave me great pleasure to serve my mother something that contained butter. Cakes, pies, gravy, sauces, beloved mashed potatoes, all contained real, 100 percent butter if made in my kitchen. She would often say, "I didn't teach you how to bake like that," as she licked her fingers. No, you didn't, Ma, but that's okay because you became an unwitting member of the butter eater's tribe anyway... Moo.

New Year's Irresolution Waiver

Schvitz'n with Norm

By Norm Meltzer

New Year's is typically a time of celebration, the denouement to a frenetic, all-consuming holiday season. The calendar marks the inevitable ends and the new beginnings, and this transition gives license for one last hurrah. And after the hangovers comes the introspection followed by a clichéd manifesto of self-improvement and conquest.

The movers and shakers ring in the new year with a self-congratulatory pat on the back, hoping to stay on the same trajectory. And everyone else gets a clean slate to break free from the shackles of mediocrity when unable to enjoy meaningful accomplishment. Year-end reviews

can be a daunting prospect, but this particular annual ritual, the New Year's season audit, is an almost fail-safe proposition; you either keep up the good work and stay the course, or you learn from your mistakes, offering a better tomorrow. The New Year's bash is such a beloved racket because it has both sides covered; celebrate time well spent or add to a downward spiral and take your January 2nd mulligan.

This year is anything but typical, and most of us would just assume put 2020 out of its misery. It's hard to imagine who might be thriving during this catastrophe other than the toilet paper moguls and the price-gouging kettlebell merchants. As much as we'd like to turn the page, we can't resolution our way out of this one. We're at the mercy of a global pandemic, and we don't have the luxury of our familiar, next-day do-overs.

There's nothing more annoying than a cockeyed optimist, cheerleader-type espousing positivity when you're having a bad day. And no amount of silver linings is worth the devastation that comes with a public health crisis, but there have been a few bright spots and encouraging developments along the way.

I'm a proud, card-carrying member of the alliance for a more pessimistic society. Still, I have to admit that I'm heartened by some of the adaptive measures being embraced by determined and resourceful exercise enthusiasts during the pandemic. People who have become so dependent on gyms suddenly found themselves without access to the equipment they've grown accustomed to.

As Joni Mitchell foretold: "You don't know what you've got till it's gone."

Many people scrambled to set up home gyms, but there was a run on equipment, and some items were pretty hard to come by. This gave rise to a back-to-basics movement through the fitness community. No-equipment workouts saw a renaissance, and people fashioned their own equipment out of household items, building supplies, nature, and anything else suitable when inspiration struck. Not always perfect replacements for the genuine articles, but definitely decent placeholders during a drought.

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I watched this unfold with nostalgic delight, as I couldn't help but notice the similarities between this forced shift in exercise practice and what the founding fathers of modern-day fitness did during the dawn of their trailblazing days. What's old is new again, the difference being that the old-timey physical culturists had to invent many of these exercises and training methods, whereas we have the benefit of their playbook.

I find that this environment drives less thinking and more doing. The classic tale of unfulfilled fitness aspirations is the ambitious neophyte who spends a year researching which brand of treadmill to purchase. Being an informed consumer is always a good idea, but never-ending excessive analysis is the tale of a person who likes

the concept of exercise more than actually putting in the work. These days people are using what's available to them rather than overthinking the usual lengthy number of choices, and that's what brings results.

Even some of the exercise deniers have jumped on the bandwagon. In a strange twist on reverse psychology, some gym dropouts have become highly motivated to work out as an act of physical disobedience after being deprived of the opportunity to maximize their potential. Buying a gym membership and not showing up of your own free will is a time-honored tradition, but being cut off is another matter. "It's my right to wither away, but I'll be damned if the man is gonna determine the fate of my physical wellbeing."

We have less access to traditional settings for group exercise and classes, but there are plenty of virtual opportunities. A virtual workout experience as compared to the conventional in-person experience is an apples-to-oranges kind of thing, but they both come with their own set of pros and cons. As a technophobe, I haven't fully embraced the George Jetson exercise approach, but I can't deny the logistical upside and the sheer convenience of it all. I have trained people in Iowa, Alabama, and Maine from the comfort of my New Bedford digs since this whole thing started. And these things wouldn't be available to us had we been getting crushed by a pandemic in years past.

There are many resources for exercise help and information, but some of the familiar go-to tipsters we've grown to rely on are temporarily off the table. A problem that sometimes occurs with the personal trainer-client relationship is that the trainee becomes overly dependent on their trainer. A personal trainer should be an educator and a consultant, not a Svengali. When a person needs to be spoon-fed every last detail about leading an active life after years of working with a personal trainer, something went wrong. Having to step out on your own, spread your wings, and fend for yourself a little bit more than usual can be a good thing. I've noticed signs of more self-sufficiency and self-reliance since our everyday face-to-face interactions have been shelved.

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these uncertain times is that many of us have more time. Of those lucky enough to remain employed during this mess, a considerable number now work remotely. They're still working hard, but no more rush-hour traffic, lousy commutes, wearing uncomfortable clothes, and spiffing up for direct human encounters. It takes a lot less time and effort to fake your way to a proper physical appearance for a waist-up Zoom meeting.

This newfound surplus of time has afforded us the brain space to focus on some of those things that are neglected and overlooked when we're overscheduled and running around like crazed worker bees. Physical and emotional wellbeing often gets lost in the shuffle, and this disruption has allowed us to allocate more time to some

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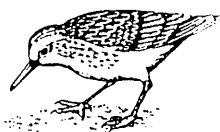
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of these needs. Some things will be changed forever, and other things will return to their earlier state. As we slam the door shut on 2020, we can hopefully carry some of these positive adjustments forward when we resume our familiar pre-pandemic lives.

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Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

With a short meeting agenda, the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen met on December 23, primarily to hold an executive session. As a result, the public portion of the proceedings was only long enough to include the following meaningful bits.

Town Administrator Mike Lorencio advised the selectmen that the Finance Committee would soon begin meeting to discuss budgets in advance of a Spring Annual Town Meeting. Continuing on that thought, Lorencio also said that the Old Rochester Regional School Committee may soon begin its budget process and that he would ascertain whether or not those deliberations are public.

Selectman Paul Silva reminded all that during the delayed 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting, which was ultimately held in August, several voters asked about the school budgeting process and expressed a desire to attend those meetings. As such, Silva wanted any public meetings held by the school committees to be published so voters would be aware they were taking place. Lorencio was asked to follow up.

While hindsight is always 20-20, New England weather oftentimes leaves the forecasters standing in sunshine when they have predicted rain. Such was the case with the forecasted hurricane-force winds expected for Christmas Day. But during the Wednesday before

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Christmas, erring on the side of caution was needed.

Lorenzo reported that Eversource had sent notification that all of its employees would be at the ready, with vacation and other time off canceled, in the event that weather forecasters were correct. To that end, Silva asked that outdoor holiday decorations installed on town property be removed to prevent them from becoming "projectiles." As we now know, our Christmas present from Mother Nature was just some much-needed rain.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 pm.

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Cases Will Leap into New Year

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Conservation Commission wrapped up a busy year with its December 23 featuring several public hearings and action items. Four public hearings were held and continued to the commission's January 13 meeting.

In Case SE041-1345, continued from December 9, Carmine and Beth Martignetti filed a Notice of Intent for shoreline site improvements, including removing a vertical stone/concrete seawall, expanding an existing coastal beach into an upland area, and reconstructing a stone jetty at 71 Moorings Road.

ConCom conducted a second site visit on December 19 and met with Schumacher Landscape Architects. Members were there to see the area where work had been done, which included the coastal bank. It was noted that vegetation had been removed according to aerial photos (trees, brush, and scrub between the lawn and beach). The original Order of Conditions was to be kept in its original state, but alterations were discovered. David Schumacher pointed out the planting of grasses, adding helpful information since ConCom's last meeting.

ConCom went to the state Department of Environmental Protection Wetlands circuit rider to check on what's happened and the future and reported feedback that preferred more diversity in plantings. Walsh advised representing engineer David Davignon of the recommendation for more woody-type plantings. Sitting in the velocity zone, the coastal bank provides a vertical buffer to storm waves. As a vegetated area, Walsh said the ground provided better storm protection than how it is now and that beach grass would improve the situation. Schumacher told Walsh that loam was brought in, but no sand.

Walsh said the wildlife habitat value had been changed and that more diverse plantings would help. The circuit rider, he reported, suggested developing a wetlands buffer. Schumacher reported on a discussion with the applicant, who is not opposed to adding woody plantings, but asked ConCom to be more specific, noting

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that different conservation commissions on Cape Cod prefer other plants. Walsh said that Marion does not oppose *rosa rugosa* (beach rose). "We're looking to provide best wildlife habitat value," said Walsh.

Commission member Jeff Doubrava said flat stone would function as a fence. "The top of the coastal bank is probably the right line for me," he said, adding that boulders would work best if set 20 feet apart.

Davignon said he thinks a revised plan can be ready a week ahead of ConCom's next meeting. With the applicant's consent, ConCom voted to continue the public hearing to January 13 at 7:40 pm.

Richard and Faith Morningstar filed a Notice of Intent for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool, patio, and retaining wall at 8 Moorings Road. Davignon and Peter Gee represented the Morningstars.

The project is proposed inside a 90-by-70-foot wooded area and flood zone, necessitating a retaining wall and plans to cut into a hill on the side closer to the house. The pool elevation will be 15 feet, which is the same as the base flood elevation. There will be clearing of 7 to 8 feet beyond the retaining wall for installation, and discharge is planned in a direction downhill away from the flood zone and wetlands.

Noting that the retaining wall will be built 4-to-5 feet inside the "A" zone, Doubrava said, "The waves don't magically stop when you go from the 'D' zone to the 'A' zone." The "D" zone, he said, would not be allowed,

but the "A" zone is questionable. "Is there any way to soften that?" Davignon said some grading could be added so that the wall is not 4 feet tall at that location, creating a vegetated slope. Abutters asked about the removal of trees that separate the adjacent properties and gave their support of the project.

In keeping with Marion's remote-access meeting policy, ConCom voted to continue the hearing to January 13 at 7:50 pm.

ConCom determined that the Request for Determination of Applicability sought by Davignon on behalf of 418 Point Road Trust (Case 41D-1772) for repairs to the pile support system to the boardwalk at Planting Island Cove will need a Notice of Intent.

Built in 2009, the 608-foot pier has rotted pilings because, as Davignon explained, the builder needed 80 piles and ran out of the preferred hardwood. The ones used have rotted out above the mud line, not below. Davignon had hoped the RDA filed would result in a negative determination because the contractor proposed to do the work manually, one piling at a time, without machinery. At least 14 piles need to be replaced and possibly up to 25, said Davignon, and none of the work will go into the waterway.

To Walsh, driving 4-by-6-foot wooden beams into the substrate is no different than driving pilings. "That wouldn't get a negative determination," he said, adding that support jacks will compress the saltmarsh, causing at least a temporary impact. Doing so on land containing shellfish, an NOI would result in a copy being sent to the state Division of Marine Fisheries. Doubrava agreed, citing several visits to the site and recognizing the entire project will take place across a saltmarsh.

Davignon told the commission he intends to file an NOI for its next meeting. ConCom voted to continue the hearing to January 13 at 8:00 pm, pending the anticipated NOI and withdrawal of the RDA.

Davignon filed an RDA on behalf of Aucoot Cove Properties, LLC, seeking a Chapter 91 license for pier ramp and floating dock structures at 98 Indian Cove Road. He explained that the RDA was filed because no work was being proposed. ConCom had conducted a site visit on December 19.

Walsh noted that the last float and a portion of the next-to-last float sit over the town line in Marion, although most of the structure lies within Mattapoisett. He said Marion ConCom can still issue a negative determination, but only regarding the portion inside Marion. Davignon told Marion ConCom that he was making the same filing on December 28 with Mattapoisett ConCom.

In keeping with town rules for remote-access public hearings, the case was continued to January 13 at 8:10 pm.

Early in the meeting, two negative determinations of applicability were issued.

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Davis appeared on behalf of the Marion Department of Public Works on its RDA for completion of maintenance work to two Bioretention basins at Island Wharf.

Referencing a December 5 site visit, Walsh asked about the "mystery pipe" that was discharging into or out of one of the basins. Davis said that when snow hit the area, the DPW could not find the pipe in question and that plans called for a second search and an update to ConCom. Doubrava said that the original Order of Conditions only requested that no salt be used in the parking areas. ConCom voted to close the hearing and, later in the meeting, issued a negative determination of applicability. A Notice of Intent will not be needed.

Tabor Academy was likewise issued a negative

determination of applicability for its replacement of a deteriorated deck at Daggett House, 275 Front Street.

Davignon requested a Certificate of Compliance on behalf of Marion Lands Trust at 369 Wareham Street. ConCom voted to grant a partial COC based on the conversion of 860 square feet of a vegetated cutout to asphalt but withheld the COC from applying to the conversion of a front-side asphalt area along Route 6 to a lawn.

A second request for a COC from Marion Lands Trust at Wareham Street was denied.

ConCom issued a partial COC to Anne Severance, 20 Front Street, for work on the driveway, walkway, and patios.

ConCom issued a partial COC to Indian Cove Trust, Indian Cove Road. The prior Order of Conditions had expired and, after a second NOI, septic has been installed, and the property is now being conveyed. ConCom voted to issue a partial COC for the first Order of Conditions. The second Order of Conditions is still in effect.

The Marion Planning Board asked ConCom for comment to inform its handling of the Tabor Academy RDA, but Tabor has filed with ConCom, and its RDA will be on the January 13 agenda.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 13 at 7:00 pm.

Davignon Closes Busy 2020 on Successful Note

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission
By Mick Colageo*

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission capped 2020 by using its December 28 remote-access meeting to issue two negative determinations of applicability, award two Orders of Conditions, withhold a Certificate of Compliance, and continue four public hearings.

Engineer David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc. left the meeting with two negative determinations and an Order of Conditions.



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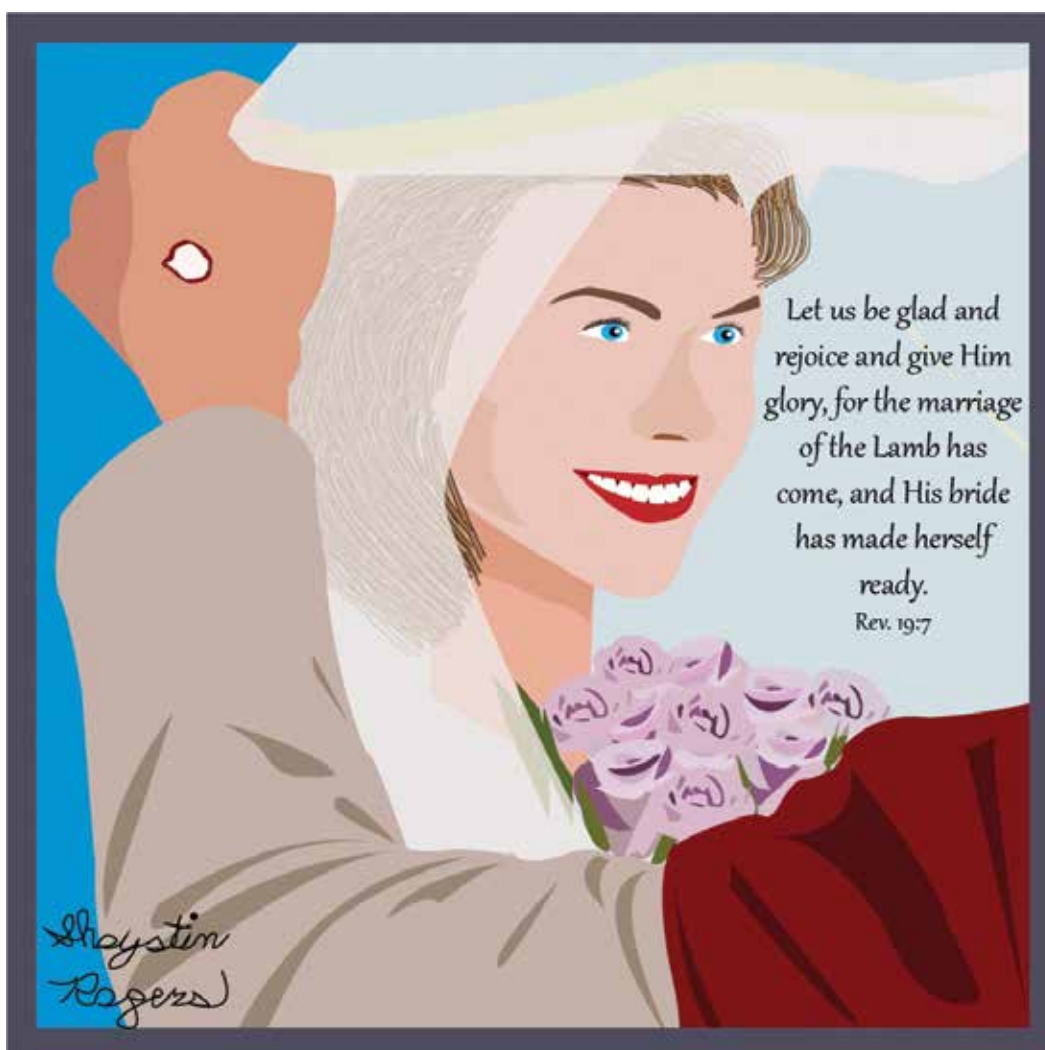
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Davignon's first Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) was in representation of Charles Howard III and Jane Howard, 10 Third Street, for a Title 5 compliant septic system for a four-bedroom house with a detached garage that will be downsized to three bedrooms with the fourth becoming an upstairs apartment.

The house sits on 20 square feet of upland, not in a flood zone. A 1,500-gallon septic tank will replace a cesspool with a 1,000-gallon pump chamber and a 2-inch force main to a leaching field. A small portion of the leaching field is located inside the 100-foot buffer zone. The closest activity will occur 80 feet from the wetlands, including tree removal and a gentle slope.

Seeking a negative determination for minor work within the buffer zone, ConCom unanimously voted to issue a Negative 3 Determination stipulating notice to the town office before the commencement of the work.

The second RDA, filed by Aucoot Properties LLC c/o Charles Cedarburg at 98 Indian Cove Road, requested that the state Department of Environmental Protection Waterways Program issue a new Chapter 91 Waterways License legalizing a long-standing, floating dock at the Marion town line. No Notice of Intent was filed because no work has been proposed. Davignon had already brought the request to the Marion Conservation Commission, where a small portion of the dock exists. Mattapoisett ConCom unanimously voted to issue a Negative 2 Determination with no paper filing.

In a continued public hearing under Case SE 44-1415, Davignon had filed an NOI on behalf of Craig and Elaine Bovaird, 2 Oliver Street, for work including a deck to be rebuilt and expanded with new stairs and a new propane tank at a residence on a coastal beach in the velocity zone. There were no comments from the Department of Environmental Protection. The public hearing was closed, and ConCom voted to issue an Order of Conditions requesting that the site be cleaned daily due to its "extreme proximity" to the ocean.

Bob Field of Field Engineering filed an NOI on behalf of Raymond Hanks, 18 Crystal Spring Road. Under DEP File No. 44-1417, Field is proposing a two-car

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garage addition measuring 28-by-30 feet and a slightly expanded driveway with incidental grading within 50 feet of the wetland. The work is close to a disturbed area. Field told ConCom he would be happy to walk the site with Conservation Agent Elizabeth Leidhold, who had asked prior to the meeting if they used soil analysis. Field confirmed that they had, and King said Leidhold would be in touch should she decide on walking the site with Field. The hearing was continued two weeks out to January 11.

In a continued public hearing, Bart O'Brien of Whitman Homes, 36 Prince Snow Circle, filed an NOI to build a single-family house with utilities, as represented by Stephen Wry of Land Planning, Inc. Wry explained that the project includes 8,600 square feet of work within the buffer zone and reported that the DEP says the work will not have an adverse effect. There will be an erosion barrier with fences in the front and sides and a hay bale in the back. Wry told ConCom he had prepared an NOI for the adjacent lot, and O'Brien said the erosion had been addressed.

After voting to close public hearing SE 44-1412, ConCom requested that no less than two and no more than five 4-by-4-foot posts be used to identify the wetland area. The comments from the NHESP will be incorporated, and the commission voted unanimously to issue the Order of Conditions.

A Certificate of Compliance per Case SE 44-1352

was withheld from The Preserve at Bay Club, LLC for work at lots 122 and 123 Split Rock Lane after Leidhold requested an as-built on a 1:30 scale, citing unstable ground. There were no 4-by-4-foot posts, and the soil, lacking sufficient grass, was reported to be running down the hill. ConCom requested that a letter be sent to the applicant advising of the deficiencies in the conservation agent's notes that must be addressed by January 11, when ConCom will consider a Certificate of Compliance.

Two public hearings, both NOIs, were continued to January 11 per the meeting agenda: SE44-1404 by Alexander Bauer at 7 Nasholina Road, and SE44-1409 by Randall Lane Solar, LLC at 29 Randall Lane.

King thanked his fellow commissioners for all they've done during a very challenging year, at which point a dog barked as if to acknowledge the comment. It was a welcome moment of Zoom meeting levity to close the business of ConCom on 2020.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for January 11 at 6:30 pm.

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restrictions, and rule changes that came with the good news was filed away on their everyday things-to-do lists.

"I'm happy for the girls that they're going to get to play," said Head Coach Ted Drew with a hint of trepidation because the circumstances are fluid and could change at any time. "It's going to be a mishmash this year.... We're going to figure this out as we go."

The Travis Roy Rink at Tabor Academy is closed for the season, but John Gallo Arena in Bourne has made ice time available. Some players were unable to practice on Sunday because they are the subjects of contact tracing in a COVID-19 case. Another regular was on skates but on the mend from shoulder surgery.

The Bulldogs were a good, solid team in 2019-20;



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

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only they couldn't generate enough offense to make many of the outcomes go their way, finishing 5-12-3 and out of the playoffs.

"We were one of the better defensive teams around. Everyone kept telling us we were the best five-win team they've ever seen," said Drew, in his second year as coach after ORR began hosting the coop program originated by Bourne in 2010.

Improving on offense will not come easily without Erin Craig, who is attending prep school this winter, and 2020 graduate Madison Guinen.



Fellow forwards Meghan Berg and Lauren O'Malley also graduated, as did all-star goaltender Megan Nolan.

Succeeding Nolan is one challenge that the Bulldogs are well equipped to handle, as senior Meghan Craig is back for her senior year after sitting out the 2019-20 season recovering from foot surgery. Craig comes from a stellar hockey pedigree. The Mattapoissett resident's uncle is the 1980 Olympic gold medalist Jim Craig. She has learned to fill the net smartly with anticipation and positioning that comes with experience and knowledge.

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"I've got to give the kid credit (despite being unable to play). She came to all the practices and games. She's very vocal, and that's what you need. She's been well-coached," said Drew.

Augmenting the defensive side of the puck is a core of players that will allow Drew to deploy his niece, senior captain Carly Drew, as a forward this season. Carly Drew was previously the Bulldogs' game controlling defenseman. Thanks to strength in the form of blueliners Emma Dettera, Avery Hathaway, Cassidy Hill, and Nora Schiappa, Carly Drew will now become the brains of the attack. Eighth-grade defenseman Lily Cook is a newcomer to the program.

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Isabelle Stone, and Abigail Thompson, and sophomores Heather Lapworth, Kellen Geake, and Emily Kilpatrick will be supported on the forward lines by freshman Sophia Sheehy and seventh-grader Elizabeth Kilpatrick.

Girls high school hockey has adopted a field hockey rule known in that sport as “third party.” If two opponents are competing for the puck, what ice hockey coaches have long referred to as puck support is now illegal. The restriction applies to a two-man forecheck. Meantime, centers lining up for a faceoff must remain 6 feet apart until puck drop. Up to five players are allowed on the bench at any one time and only one in the penalty box.

It wasn’t known until late in the game that the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) would sanction coop programs, upon which many girls high school teams and a growing number of area boys teams are predicated. And it wasn’t known where Bourne would land; even though the program originated as BMW, the Canalmen were an 11th-hour inclusion.

Eight players are ORR students, six from Bourne, two from Apponequet Regional (Lakeville and Freetown), and one from Mashpee. Upper Cape Tech opted-out of winter sports, so with no boys hockey, it was decided that UCT’s girls would not play either. The “W” in BMW stands for Wareham, which is no longer part of the coop.

Assistant coach Kami Medeiros is back to assist

Drew, but Braly Hiller is on the mend from hip surgery and, under doctors’ advice, will not coach this year. Carly Drew has committed to play NCAA Division III women’s hockey next year at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

ORR has scheduled seven games and will potentially play nine, beginning on Saturday, January 9, the season opener against Bishop Stang at Stephan Hetland Memorial rink in New Bedford.

Bulldogs Eager to Rewrite Hockey Script

By Mick Colageo

Despite not winning any of their 20 games last winter, the Old Rochester Regional/Fairhaven boys hockey team was in many of those contests only to fall on the wrong side of the fine line between winning and losing with an inexperienced decision or an untimely penalty.

Conventional wisdom says the growing pains of 2019-20 should make ORR/Fairhaven a tougher out in 2020-21, but second-year coach Zach Ledogar thinks the Bulldogs are better than that.

“We’re a faster team this year. A lot of the kids have been training.... It’s a completely different team this year. With me coming in knowing the kids a little bit better, that’s the best part,” said Ledogar before Tuesday afternoon’s practice at John Gallo Arena in Bourne.

The coronavirus pandemic has canceled out Tabor Academy as home ice for the 2020-21 season, and with Gallo as their temporary hub, the Bulldogs will ironically be the home team for their January 6 season opener against Bourne.

“The kids and parents have raised over \$11,000,” said Ledogar. The boys and girls hockey teams were the subject of praise during a recent school committee meeting.

Ledogar is already confident he has the answer to one very important question: Who will start in goal? Jake DeMoranville, one of three key 2020 graduates, along with Rob Ramsay and Aiden Tremblay, was a workhorse in the ORR net. Replacing the stalwart goaltender will be no easy chore, but junior Thomas Galvotti has approached the opportunity like it’s the most challenging thing he’ll ever do.



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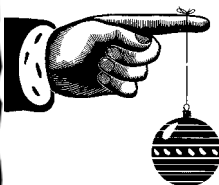
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"I run a conditioning gym in the offseason, and he's been one of my most avid goers. He's been there for the last eight months, five days a week. He's been at nighttime skates and Friday with the [Bishop] Stang guys, so he's been seeing shots like in the last year. I know a lot of kids haven't had the opportunity to do as much," said Ledogar,

who considers Galvotti's offseason efforts among the top three on the team.

Senior captains Brady Becotte and Ben Austin will anchor the defense and offense, respectively.

"I had 16 or 17 freshmen on my team last year. A lot of these kids have never been in a situation where they're playing this level of hockey," said Ledogar of the discipline factor. "Leadership this year is huge.... There were some quiet guys in the locker room last year."

Becotte will anchor a defense core with some familiarity, augmented by juniors Ben DeMoranville,

Carson Spencer, sophomore Alex Marsden, and senior Gabe Murray.

Austin will lead a forward group that will see an infusion of skill from senior forward Chris Gauvin. The

older brother of sophomore forward Derek Gauvin is back at ORR after attending and playing hockey last winter at Bishop Stang. Two freshmen, Lucas Long and Chace Couture, also project as potential top-nine forwards. The returning forward group also includes senior Mitchell Higgins, juniors Nate Ribeiro, Michael Tobin, and August Vincent, and sophomores Sam Newton, Harrison Hughes, and Nate Guerreiro.

Junior goaltender Dylan Branco is back and is expected to back up Galvotti to start the season. There are four Fairhaven players on the team: Becotte, Branco, Murray, and Ribeiro.

With Apponequet opting-out of the season, the South Coast Conference will offer ORR/Fairhaven 10 games with a potential of two more in a postseason league playoff.

Jaegar Carlyle is Ledogar's new assistant, along with help from Barry O'Neil of the Cape Cod Hockey development program.



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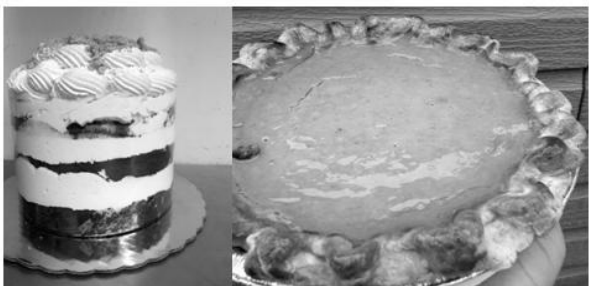


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To the Editor:

Let's move beyond scapegoating and solve Marion's sewer issues.

Marion's sewer rates are ridiculously high. And, unfortunately, it's not because the town treats its sewage to a better standard than anyone else. In fact, the opposite has been true. The last statewide survey of town sewer rates in 2017 found that Marion residents pay more than double the statewide median. The Marion sewer rate for an average household was \$1,785 versus a statewide median of \$862. To rub salt in the wound, the surrounding towns do even better than the median. Wareham residents next door paid an average of \$596 for that town's state-of-the-art, award-winning sewer plant. Mattapoisett's average bill was \$820, Falmouth's \$804, and Fairhaven's \$848, to list a few.

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Selectmen or town staff— all of whom I believe are trying to come to terms with decades of mismanagement by their predecessors and move forward. But in their frustration, the selectmen's current advocacy aiming to secure a \$2 million state grant is falling back on some tired political tactics— baseless rejections of science and scapegoating— and does little to set the town on a new course to fiscal responsibility.

I'm referring to an October 29 letter and a subsequent 'Key Points' email sent out by the selectmen.

Let's clear the air on some of what's in that letter.

1. Double the Sludge and the Lagoons are still leaking: We've all learned a lot over the past decade about just how negligent the town has been in its mismanagement of its sewer infrastructure. The impact of that is seen in everyone's sewer bills today, but also in the bad decisions and deferred maintenance that led to groundwater pollution from unlined sewage lagoons that are only now finally being addressed.

For 49 years now, Marion's sewer plant has held raw sewage in unlined lagoons prior to treatment. Those lagoons leaked through their bottom into the town's groundwater. This fact was first confirmed in a 2011 study by the engineering firm Horsely Witten, who was hired by the Buzzards Bay Coalition in partnership with the town. That finding was confirmed by the town's own engineers, CDM Smith, in 2015. The data was reviewed and accepted by both the state Department of Environmental

Protection and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. We even went to the extra step of having the evidence reviewed independently by top scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Marine Biological Lab, and the University of Connecticut at Avery Point. All confirmed that the data show that the lagoons are polluting Marion's groundwater.

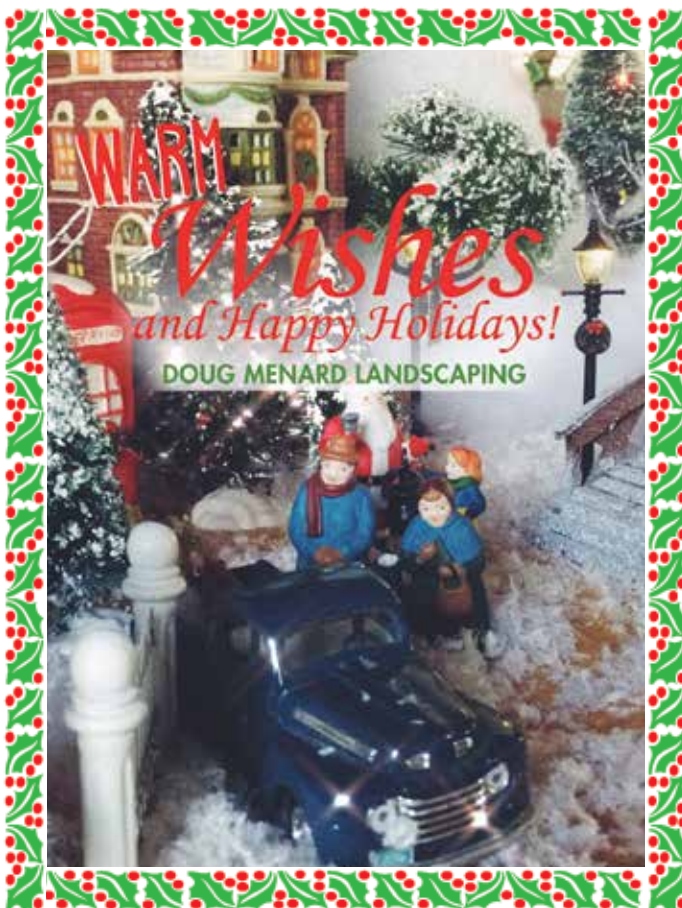
There is no validity in the theory that the sewage lagoons somehow don't leak nitrogen and other pollutants into the groundwater. The selectmen's continued peddling of this false narrative serves no one— definitely not Marion sewer rate payers— and only perpetuates a reputation as a town unwilling to accept science and properly manage its own waste before state and federal agencies and funders.

And, now, the finding just in the past months that the lagoons (which are finally being decommissioned and cleaned up) are holding two – three times more toxic sewage sludge than first estimated is shocking for a few reasons. First and most importantly, (wow!) that's a lot of toxic contamination sitting in town. Sewage sludge holds the accumulated stock of all of the contamination that people have been dumping down their drains and that can't be naturally broken down. This is often bad stuff, and that's why towns today dispose of their sludge annually as a regular Operations and Maintenance cost, which also serves to spread out the financial impact. Let's be clear: The costs that Marion is facing right now to properly dispose of their sludge is not a new expense, and Marion is not being treated unfairly. The town has been dodging this sewer expense for decades and it's finally caught up to them.

The other factor that's shocking about the sludge volume finding is that it was the town's own engineer, CDM Smith, that tracked and reported sludge estimates. No one at the EPA, DEP, or Buzzards Bay Coalition ever had a hand in calculating those sludge volumes. If the actual figure was two – three times their original estimate, the town has no one to blame other than their own engineers.

2. There are better ways to finance the town's wastewater needs: Wastewater treatment is not cheap, and Marion is challenged by the fact that it's a small town trying to provide this service all on its own. And there is a lot more work to be done if Marion is going to continue to go it alone and update its sewer infrastructure to modern standards that protect the town's waterways. So how is the town going to pay for it?

We should start by asking, why is Marion still having just 1,700 rate payers cover all of the cost of its sewer infrastructure? It's no wonder that sewer user bills are so large. Marion is fortunate to have many high-value, seasonal homes contributing to the town's tax base. Yet, many of those homes are outside of the sewered part of town, and therefore do not contribute to solving the town's wastewater treatment challenges. But everyone benefits from having clean water in the town's harbors





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That's the same question Cape Cod towns— most of whom are facing wastewater expenses much greater than Marion— have been asking themselves in recent years and coming up with a different approach.

Chatham is in the middle of a \$100 million sewer expansion, spending \$15 – 18 million per year, and they are paying 100 percent of the capital expense on the town-wide tax rate. That spreads the cost over Chatham's 6,000 residents, not just their 1,000 sewer users. Next door, Orleans is also spreading 100 percent of the \$15 million capital costs of a new wastewater treatment plant across all taxpayers. In Falmouth, large areas recently got new sewer service and the town is splitting the \$30 million

cost, 30 percent on the town-wide tax base and 70 percent of the homeowners getting the new sewer hookups.

Another approach emerged in Sandwich last year where voters approved an innovative town-wide 2-percent property tax surcharge to create a Water Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF). The new fund is designed to generate the \$86 million needed to fund 25 years of water quality improvements. And to ease the burden of a new tax on homeowners, they paired the decision with a reduction in the property tax surcharge collected by the town's Community Preservation Act from 3 percent to 2 percent.

And then there is the developing opportunity of an Upper Bay Regional Wastewater Plant between Wareham, Bourne, and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy that Marion will have the option to join. There could be long-term economies of scale that would make this a cheaper alternative for a small town like Marion and relieve the town of managing its own expensive sewer plant. For instance, Dennis, Yarmouth, and Harwich are pursuing a similar regional project, and it is estimated that those communities will save a combined \$83 million in capital costs and \$6 million in annual operating costs by sharing a treatment plant. Each of these approaches has their own unique pros and cons, but the bottom line is that there are better ways to finance needed clean water improvements, and Marion doesn't need to look far for examples.

Marion has a lot of work ahead of it as it transitions from decades of mismanagement to a town that is both financially and environmentally sustainable. The selectmen should lay off the scapegoating and denial of the science and put their efforts into learning from their neighbors. I'm sure that all of us who care about clean water and sound fiscal management in Marion would be right there with them working together to make it happen.

Mark Rasmussen, President of the Buzzards Bay Coalition

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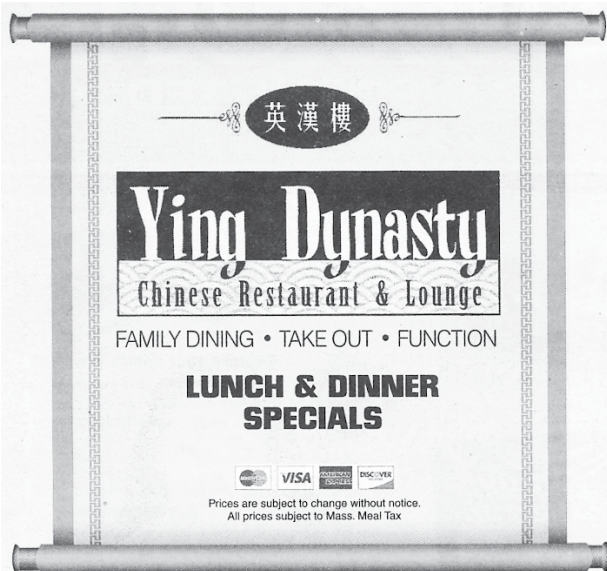
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By Connie Eshbach

As 2020 wraps up (thankfully), the Rochester Historical Society is once again sending out a plea for people to tell us about some aspect of this decidedly unusual and fraught year. You could send a picture, a cartoon, a paragraph, a few sentences, or a story that sums up or tells about some event or feeling that speaks to this 12-month journey that we have been on.



Below is part of a letter written by Abraham Holmes that he wrote to his daughters, Bathsheba and Rosalinda, from his memoirs.

"Not to know what took place before we were born is always to remain a child. It must be a great satisfaction to a person of sensibility and reflection to look over and contemplate the situation, the conduct, and the circumstances of those from whom he is descended, the various incidents that took place with regard to them, the trials they met with and their conduct under those trials. It is a matter of regret that people generally have neglected to leave no notes or memoranda behind them which would throw any light on those subjects for the benefit and amusement of their posterity so the great body of the present generation know nothing of their ancestors any farther back than their respective grandfathers, and in many instances, nothing more of them than their names.

"According, as I have had leisure, I have attempted to prevent my posterity from being deprived from such luxury and have left a variety of reminiscences from which may be gleaned a great part of the transactions of my life, and also my ancestors for nearly two centuries back..."

Please, help us at the Historical Society to chronicle this year and, thereby, prevent future generations from being deprived of knowledge of the past.

Items may be sent to RHS P.O. Box 322 Rochester, MA, 02770 or emailed to eshbach2@aol.com.

Delayed Opening of the Marion Transfer

Station at Benson Brook Road

Converting the Benson Brook Transfer Station operation from the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD) to Marion operation will require more time than initially planned.

The CMWRRDD will continue to operate the Benson Brook Transfer Station until December 30, 2020. The removal of CMWRRDD equipment and the installation of the new equipment has been impacted by the holiday season, COVID-19 restrictions, equipment availability, and electrical modifications for the new compactor.

We anticipate that the Marion Transfer Station will be open by mid-January. Thank you for your patience; we will keep you informed of the exact opening date.

Legislature Approves Healthcare Reform Bill

Rep. Bill Straus (D-Mattapoisett) announced on Wednesday that the Massachusetts House of Representatives and Senate have voted to approve and send on to the Governor health care reform legislation providing new flexibility for patient access to Telehealth services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The bill provides numerous coverage and health care access benefits to Massachusetts residents.

Members of the House passed the initial bill H.4888 in July 2020, and after that, the legislation was

negotiated by a conference committee with the Senate.

"Telehealth coverage, Medicaid payments to community hospitals, and COVID-19 coverage will become permanently accessible to those needing better access to their physicians and providers. These added options for health care services are critical under the current pandemic restrictions and will remain important to the public," said Rep. Straus. "We've learned this year that these changes are necessary for the health and wellbeing of the citizens of this commonwealth," he added.

There are three critical parts of the legislation. Of importance is the Mandated Telehealth coverage for all health care services that are covered for in-person physician visits; Enhanced Medicaid payments for independent community hospitals, which directs the state to distribute these Medicaid payments; and out-of-network billing, which assists consumers to avoid surprise medical bills by requiring health care providers and insurance carriers to provide better notice to patients of a health care provider's network status before non-emergency procedures.

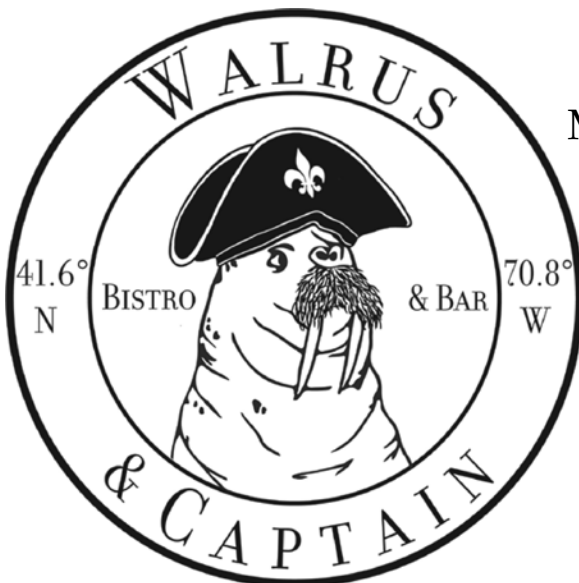
Included in this reform is the allowance to MassHealth members of access to urgent care facilities without first obtaining a referral from a primary care provider before accessing services. Insurance carriers will be required, including MassHealth, to cover all COVID-19 related emergency, inpatient, and cognitive rehabilitation

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8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Recovery Fitness
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:34 AM The Art of Being Human
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Grumpy Old Men Cooking
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM Let's Talk Business
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM The Chico and Brian Show
3:00 PM This is America & The World
3:30 PM Both Sides of the Bar
4:00 PM In the Toy Box
4:30 PM The Non-Profit World
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Arts Alive
7:00 PM A Conversation With...
7:30 PM Gold Star Family Tree Dedication
8:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
9:00 PM Science 360
9:30 PM Money Matters TV
10:00 PM Registers Report
10:30 PM Learning Music with Pat
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday January 1, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
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9:00 AM Health Source
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12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
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2:30 PM The World Fusion Show
3:00 PM Registers Report
3:31 PM A Cranberry Harvest
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7:00 PM Science 360
7:30 PM This is America & The World

8:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show

8:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV

9:00 PM Gay USA

10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday January 2, 2020

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoons
9:00 AM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
9:41 AM Learning Music with Pat
10:00 AM Health Source
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8:00 PM Let's Talk Business
8:30 PM Gay USA
9:30 PM Registers Report
10:01 PM Money Matters TV
10:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Sunday January 3, 2020

6:00 AM Veterans Voice
7:30 AM The Art of Being Human
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
8:30 AM Health Source
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Cape Conversation
11:34 AM Let's Talk Business
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7:00 PM Off the Shelf
7:30 PM Registers Report

8:01 PM Sound Off

9:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk

10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles

11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Monday January 4, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Health Talk
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Lucy's World of Painting
11:30 AM The Non-Profit World
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM This is America & The World
3:00 PM Both Sides of the Bar
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5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
5:41 PM Learning Music with Pat
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Arts Alive
7:00 PM Rob Surette SunnySpeak Interview
7:30 PM Off the Shelf
8:00 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday January 5, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Recovery Fitness
9:30 AM Health Talk
10:00 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:01 AM Southcoast Matters TV
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM New England Cooks
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Chundria Show
2:00 PM The Collective Chat
2:30 PM Cape Conversation
3:04 PM Learning Music with Pat
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road
4:00 PM Racism in America
5:00 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
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Wednesday January 6, 2020

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Seniors on the Move
8:00 AM On the Move
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Tae Kwon Do
10:00 AM The Art of Being Human
10:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
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3:30 PM Mike Paige Doodle Club
4:00 PM The Chico and Brian Show
4:30 PM Arts Alive
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5:30 PM Governor Baker COVID-19 Update
6:01 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Registers Report
7:01 PM The Kama Show
7:30 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM Gay USA
10:00 PM Suicide Prevention in Massachusetts
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Marion Planning Board - December 21, 2020
8:05 AM Marion Finance Committee - December 16, 2020
8:44 AM Marion Board of Selectman - December 15, 2020
10:30 AM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020
2:15 PM Marion Conservation Commission - December 23, 2020
4:02 PM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020
5:30 PM Marion Planning Board - December 21, 2020
6:35 PM Marion Finance Committee - December 16, 2020
7:14 PM Marion Board of Selectman - December 15, 2020
9:00 PM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 21, 2020
7:38 AM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020
11:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 15, 2020
1:33 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals - December 10, 2020
2:30 PM Rochester Planning Board - December 9, 2020
4:00 PM Rochester School Committee - December 3, 2020
5:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman - December 21, 2020
6:08 PM ORR School Committee - December 9, 2020
10:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission - December 15, 2020

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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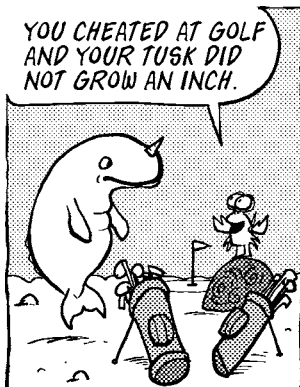
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:20 AM St. Gabriel's - The Christ Story
7:30 AM Marion Natural History Museum - Cranberries!
8:33 AM Veterans Day 2020 Compilation
9:12 AM Elementary Schools Winter Concerts 2019
9:30 AM Tri-Town Beyond Community Read - November 17, 2020
11:07 AM Sippican Lands Trust - Pierson Woods
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services without any out-of-pocket costs to patients. In addition, COVID-19 coverage for medically necessary outpatient services is covered under this bill.

The bill now heads to Governor Baker for signature.

Can & Bottle Drive for Marion Cub Scouts

Marion Cub Scouts Pack 32 welcomes all children from kindergarten to grade 5 to join us. Cub Scouting is fun for the whole family. In Scouting, boys and girls start with their best right-now selves and grow into their very best future selves. It's fun, hands-on learning and achievement that puts kids in the middle of the action and prepares them for today, and for life. Scouting is a year-round activity that continues to meet with all safety protocols. Scouting is largely funded by donations; however, due to the lack of fundraising efforts in 2020, the Scouts of Marion Cub Scouts are asking our local friends and family to consider donating bottles and cans with a five-cent deposit to the Scouts from **December 26 – January 3**.

There is a large box located in one of our Scout family's driveways located at 411 Front Street. We are hoping to raise funds to continue to ensure that Scouting in Marion can be as amazing for these Scouts during a pandemic as it is during normal days. We thank our friends and neighbors for supporting us in so many ways and we hope we can utilize these funds to help back to



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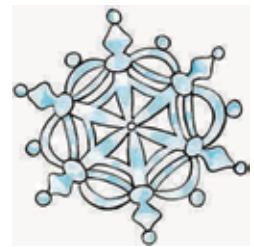
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OBITUARIES



Linda Taylor, 74, of West Wareham, passed away on Thursday December 17, 2020 at Tobey Hospital. Linda was the loving partner and companion of 47 years to Judy Greenlaw also of West Wareham. She was born in Wareham the daughter of the late Joseph and Mildred (Angell) Taylor.

She earned her Master's Degree from Boston University. She taught physical education at Wareham High School for 12 years and developed the Girls Field Hockey program and was the Girls Varsity Basketball Coach. She also taught in the Old Rochester School District, Upper Cape Cod Technical Regional High School and was a coach at UMass Dartmouth. She later worked as a Social Worker at the New Bedford Crisis Center. She also enjoyed Tennis and was a semi-pro Basketball player. A strong supporter of Title IX, giving women athletes the right to equal opportunity in sports in educational institutions. Linda and Judy owned and operated the Siberian Husky Kennel of Wareham and Bridgewater. They raised, raced and showed their dogs winning a National Specialty award. They had many favorite dogs and pets over the years but most recently it is Jasper and Zoe.

Linda is survived by her partner Judy Greenlaw and many loving relatives, friends and colleagues. She was the sister of the late Kathleen "KT" Taylor, Richard "Dicky" Taylor and Donnie Taylor.

Memorial gifts may be made to Champs Shelter Wareham 1057 Main Street, West Wareham MA 02576.

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Funeral services will be held at a later date. To leave a message of condolence please visit www.warehamvillage-funeralhome.com Funeral arrangements are in the care of Wareham Village Funeral Home 5 Center Street Wareham, MA 02571.



Joan C. (LaFreniere) Chandler, 85, of Attleboro died December 26, 2020 after a period of declining health at Sturdy Memorial Hospital.

Born in Boston, daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine (Blaney) LaFreniere, she was raised in Jamaica Plain and later lived in St. Petersburg, FL and Orlando, FL before moving to Attleboro.

She was formerly employed by Polaroid, waitressed in restaurants, Texas Instruments and later was a CNA until her retirement.

She was a kind hearted, generous, proud, independent woman who had a good sense of humor and was a friend to everyone she met.

She was a proud volunteer in life starting with the USO at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL, the Literacy Center in Attleboro, cooking at the Attleboro Senior Center Meals Program, and Meals On Wheels at the LaSalette Shrine.

Survivors include her devoted son, James Chandler and his fiancée Diana Skidmore of Marion; a brother, Leo LaFreniere and his wife Carole of Wareham; 4 sisters, Marie Billard of Buzzards Bay, Patricia Kalish and her husband Larry of Weymouth, Linda Curley and Dorothy Berry and her husband Kenny, all of Hanover; 3 grandchildren, Kyla Chandler, Danni Stowell and Leah Peak; a great-granddaughter, Harper Rose Peak; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was the sister of the late Joseph LaFreniere, Anne Semple, Rita Bennett and Renee Hiers and the sister-in-law of the late Bruce Billard, Celia LaFreniere, Edward Semple, Gilbert "Buster" Bennett and Arthur Hiers.

Her visiting hours will be held on Friday, January 1st, from 2-5 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett. Her Funeral and burial will be private for her immediate family. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Please be advised that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, there are strict guidelines that must be adhered to for the safety of everyone. You **MUST** wear a mask to be allowed entry to the services. Please practice social distancing and avoid any close contact. Guests will be permitted to pay their respects and depart to allow the next guests to enter. Capacity at the funeral home will be limited so there could be wait times outside the funeral home. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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Mattapoisett Library STEAM Projects To-Go

STEAM Projects To-Go brings a new project for

January! STEAM Projects To-Go are created for busy teens grades 6 to 12 who still want to engage with library programming and their community. This month's project will explore matter— anything that has mass and takes up space (or has volume). The project will be to fish for ice using ice, string, and salt. Further, it will inspire teens to take it one step further with a list of extension projects.

Each Steam Project To-Go includes supplies needed for the project, instructions, information about the theme, a library book related to the theme, and ideas for more projects. If you are interested in getting a STEAM to go project, register at the library's website, mattapoisettlibrary.org, on the calendar, or by calling the library. Once you have registered, you will be contacted



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"Let there be Lights," taken on the winter solstice, December 20, by Mary Dermody.



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Peter Hodges Memorial Scholarship

The Mattapoisett Lions Club, a member of Lions International, the world's largest service club organization consisting of 45,000 clubs and more than 1.3 million members worldwide, is pleased to announce the availability of two \$ 2,500 scholarships to be awarded this year to a graduating high school senior or home-schooled student residing in Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester.



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The Lion's Club motto is "We Serve." The significant charitable causes of Lion's International include raising funds for eye research in an effort to end preventable blindness throughout the world, eradicating measles worldwide in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and here at home providing services for those in need in our communities.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Greater Good

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

Wonder Woman 1984. Starring Gal Gadot and Chris Pine. Directed by Patty Jenkins. Running time: 151 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now streaming on HBO Max and showing in select theaters.

Kristen Wiig is raring to give a classic large-scale performance in *Wonder Woman 1984*. Her character, the terminally awkward gemologist Barbara Minerva, sits with rage born of neglect. Barbara gets a chance at real power, and it turns her into a monster, literally: she further elaborates that she wishes she were an apex predator, and she becomes Cheetah, a cat-like villain. But why a cheetah? At least in *Batman Returns*, Catwoman had a cat and was saved by a bunch more. Barbara likes leopard print, so ... okay, we'll go with it. Anyway, Wiig would have an easier time of it in a movie that foregrounded her more, but the script brushes Barbara off as much as her colleagues do. She doesn't even get a decent final scene, just a protracted fight that turns Wiig and star Gal Gadot into clashing CG figures.

This is not a good movie, and it's not a bad movie. *Wonder Woman 1984* is enormously ambitious, overlong, sincere, sloppy, trying to do something profound with somewhat silly ingredients. I much enjoyed 2017's *Wonder Woman* (which like WW84 was directed by Patty Jenkins), but I think I feel a fondness for the sequel that I don't for the original. It has large things on its mind, some of which are accidentally relevant to the current moment; its message is that we should wish for the common good. An ancient stone comes across Barbara's desk care of the FBI; it turns out to have the power to grant people's wishes. Everyone wishes for self-serving things; even Wonder Woman uses her wish to bring back her long-dead soulmate Steve Trevor (Chris Pine). Eventually Cheetah draws blood, Wonder Woman's powers are ebbing, and nuclear bombs dot the sky.

That's a lot of balls to keep in the air; Jenkins drops more than a few of them, but not the ones that mattered to me, the emotional beats. There is another villain here, the bull-slinging television personality Max Lord (Pedro Pascal), who gets ahold of the wish-giving stone and absorbs it into himself. Sometimes WW84 wants to be about geopolitics, and sometimes it wants to be about relationships, and sometimes it wants to be about this magic stone that does weird things to people. It refuses to decide to be about one particular thing,



and I grew to like that — indeed, WW84 is a terrifically likable movie. It doesn't hate anyone, not even the skunky Max, who goes around granting wishes in exchange for power. But something has to give, and when we don't get certain connective scenes featuring Barbara/Cheetah to give us more of a grounding in the process of her fall to villainy, some of the emotions the movie triggers in us get short-circuited. The narrative bumpiness can read as indifference to Barbara.

Then again, there's a scene early on where Wonder Woman (in her day-to-day persona Diana — the name Wonder Woman is never spoken here, though, as in the first film) goes out to lunch with Barbara and they talk about love and loss and loneliness. Jenkins handles stuff like this with aplomb, and is equally good at the action insofar as the special effects allow. It's the story beats that a superhero movie seems to require that get muffled or half-assed, as though Jenkins weren't interested in them; we're not particularly either, but every so often a chunk or bit of orphaned story will bob dead to the surface, and it's disconcerting. Some people will come away from WW84 confounded and hostile, seeing it as the latest example of big-movie big-money assault on coherence.

I understand that response, and the movie doesn't make it easy to get on board if you're not on right at the start. But the *Young Diana Chronicles* prologue hooked me, and soon after came a goofball heist right out of comics and movies of the '80s, and I was in love. I always wanted more, not less. A four-hour cut of this sounds fine to me. As it is, it feels like they shot a six-episode *Wonder Woman* series and then hacked it down to feature length. Like I said, Cheetah suffers the most from what I presume were some pretty heavy cuts, although there's a subtle detail that leaves the door open for Cheetah and, more importantly, Wiig to come back. It's not as though Wonder Woman ever had many big recurring villains aside from Cheetah, anyway. But — and this question goes to the movie, not to the comics, which answered it — *why a cheetah?*

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22 See 38-Down
23 Start of a riddle
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27 "— haw!" (rodeo yell)
28 Magazine agent's success
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70 Water, in Vichy
71 A, in Italy
72 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
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82 Fall Classic mo.
83 12, on a sundial
84 Small kid
85 Clorox, e.g.
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104 Half-pint
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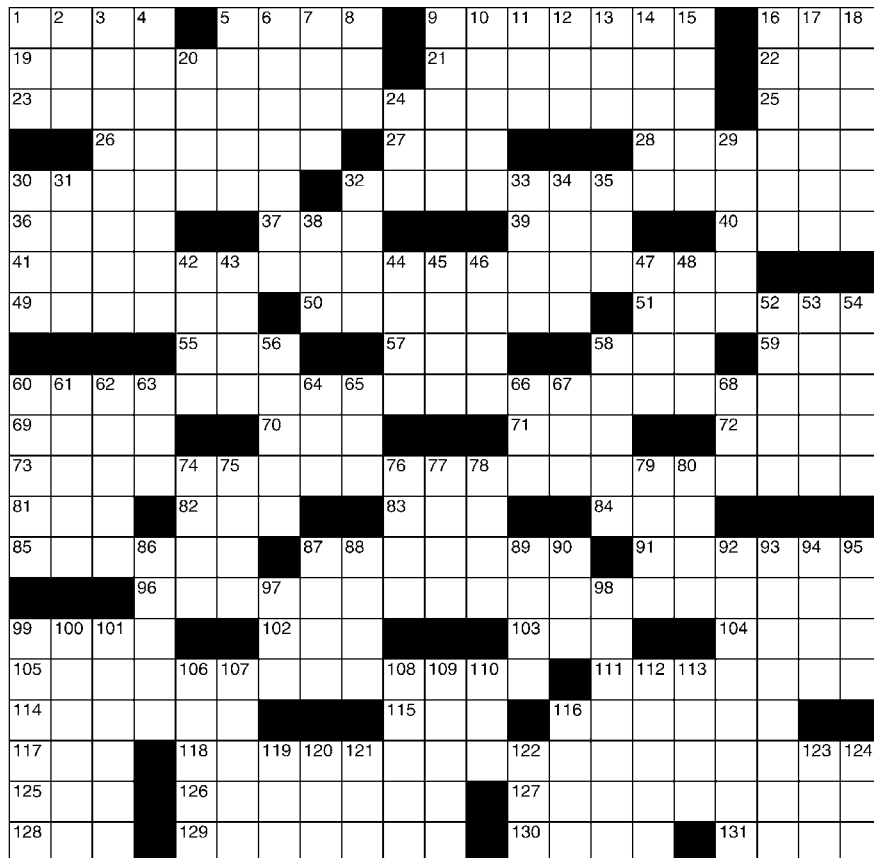
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6 British prime minister May
7 Small peevish
8 Enzyme-name suffix
9 Transparent
10 Dwells

- 11 Shikoku sash
12 Is no longer
13 Here, in Le Havre
14 Sandbar
15 Indian language
16 Public scandal
17 Like Afghans
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20 Clic — (Bic brand)
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34 Fish in a Pixar title
35 Doctors' gp.
38 With 22-Across, spaced out
42 "If — a Hammer"
43 Mouselike animal
44 1970s Chevy
45 "Curses!"
46 Shed skin or feathers
47 Doctors' gps.
48 Curse
52 Resident of Riyadh

- 53 Page of "Juno"
54 Album's first half
56 Make — in (begin working on)
58 "Grand" hotel
60 1983 comedy with Mr. T
61 Gasoline additive
62 Wading bird
63 Sickly
64 Label
65 Color shade
66 "Say again?"
67 Rock's Brian
68 Boat mover
74 With 130-Across, home of a Scottish "monster"
75 Say again
76 Old lovers
77 "Say it — so!"
78 — Field (Mets' home)
79 Drifting sort
80 English prep school
86 Aides: Abbr.
87 "Hmm, I guess so"
88 Grandiosity
89 In the past
90 Magazine or book divs.

- 92 Wall — (financial district employee)
93 Nearly massless particle
94 Lacks entity
95 "— boy!"
97 Vie for the love of
98 Lurches from side to side
99 For a spell
100 Generous type
101 It's west of Colombia
106 Bursts (with)
107 Of the past
108 Ski cottage
109 Like pop flies
110 Co.'s top dog
112 Hall's pop partner
113 Slightly built
116 Admiral Graf — (German warship)
119 Mao — -tung
120 Sugar-name suffix
121 Big rabbit feature
122 Peak: Abbr.
123 Siouan tribe member
124 Abbr. on a bounced check



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Handle a potentially awkward situation by warming up your confidence reserves and letting it radiate freely. Also, expect an old friend to contact you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's not too early for the practical Bovine to begin planning possible changes for 2021. A recent contact can offer some interesting insights.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A request for an unusual favor should be carefully checked out. Also check the motives behind it. Your generosity should be respected, not exploited.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Party time beckons, but for some Moon Children, so do some workplace challenges. Deal with the second first, then you'll be free to enjoy the fun time.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A warm response to an earlier request might be a positive indicator of what's ahead. Meanwhile, Cupid could pay a surprise visit to single Leos looking for love.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) How you respond to a proposed change in a project could affect your situation. Be prepared to show how well you would be able to deal with it.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The revelation of a secret could cause some changes in how to deal with a workplace matter. It very likely also validates a position you have long held.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An attempt to get too personal could upset the very private Scorpio. Make it clear that there's a line no one crosses without your permission.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) The savvy Sagittarian might be able to keep a family disagreement from spilling over by getting everyone involved to talk things out.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be careful not to push people too hard to meet your ideas of what the holiday weekend's preparations should be. Best to make it a cooperative, not a coerced, effort.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) An unexpected request could make you rethink a position you've had for a long time. Meanwhile, plan a family get-together for the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Someone might find that it was a fluke to try to use your sympathetic nature to get you to accept a situation you're not comfortable with. Good for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like challenges that are both mental and physical, and you enjoy always beating your personal best.

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The pandemic has forced us indoors and has cut us off from the natural resources in our lives, such as time spent with family, friends, and beneficial activities. The good news is that meditation is a natural and effective way of quieting the mind and reducing stress. It can lower blood pressure and promote feelings of safety, peace of mind, and wellbeing. This class is perfect for anyone who enjoys the practice of meditation, as well as those who may be interested in learning how to meditate. You will be guided from the safety and comfort of your home by a dedicated meditation teacher with over 25 years of experience, Susan M. Pisapia.

This class is being funded by a generous grant from Coastline, Inc., the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs, and the Federal Administration for Community Living.

Please contact the Council on Aging office at 508-748-3570 to attain access information for Zoom.

Marion Stickers, Licenses, and Guest Passes

Marion residents will be able to purchase the 2021 Marion Beach/Parking stickers, Marion Transfer Station stickers, Shellfish Licenses, and Guest Passes, available now. However, the process to purchase them will be different this year.

Stickers, etc., will only be available for purchase via mail.

In order to purchase stickers, etc., you must send copies of all the proper documents along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Attn: Harbormaster's Office. You can either mail them or use the drop boxes in front of the building on Spring Street. Requests will be completed within two weeks of being received in the office. Please make checks out to the Town of Marion.

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Marion Art Center Call for Entries: Winter Members' Show

The Marion Art Center announces its first exhibit of the 2021 season: The Annual Winter Members' Show. Any current MAC member is invited to enter up to two pieces for exhibition. All art must be original, of the artist's own design and creation, and prepared for installation. Show dates are **January 15 – February 24**. Drop-off dates for artwork are scheduled on Friday, **January 8**, and Saturday, **January 9**. Members must schedule an appointment for drop-off. Head to marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit to download the contract, submit your entries, and request an appointment through the new, easy-to-use online form. Alternatively, members can email info@marionartcenter.org with "Winter Members' Show" in the subject line.

January Classes at the MAC: Registration is now open at the Marion Art Center for 2021 watercolor courses for adults. Instructor Jay Ryan will teach two 8-week courses: Beginning-Continuing Watercolor, and Continuing-Advanced Watercolor Painting, starting on Thursday, **January 7** and Friday, **January 8**, respectively. Each class will run 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, and the Friday course has a new drop-in option for just \$30 a day! Each full 8-week course is \$195 for MAC members and \$220 for non-members. Class size is limited to five students, and anyone inside the MAC must wear a mask. Drop-in availability is subject to change each week. A new session of virtual Botanical Drawing with Catherine Carter will be added within the coming weeks. To find out more or to register online, visit marionartcenter.org/adult-classes.

January ArtTalk at the MAC: The next ArtTalk at the Virtual MAC has been scheduled on Thursday, **January 2**, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm (via Zoom). ArtTalk at the MAC is an informal group discussion about art (no knowledge of art or art history required). The group meets monthly to review two artists, pre-selected by a host. Participants are invited to make their own refreshments to enjoy during the discussion. To register, email info@marionartcenter.org with "ArtTalk at the MAC" in the subject line. Include your name and phone number. The artworks and meeting link will be sent to the email address provided a few days prior to the event. Find out more at marionartcenter.org/virtual-mac.

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path

The Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path are pleased to report that the community has responded enthusiastically to the Friends' campaign to raise funds for the completion of the Marion Connector. To date, over 90 households have made contributions or pledges ranging from \$5 to \$25,000. Although contributions are still coming in and some pledges remain to be collected, the fundraising progress to date has enabled the Friends to issue the \$95,000 commitment letter required for the project to be put out to bid in December.

"The generous support for this fundraising effort from so many people demonstrates just how important the completion of the bike path is to our communities," said Bonne DeSousa, president of the Friends. "We expect the final totals for this campaign will be sufficient to provide some protection against cost overruns in the Marion Connector project, as well as permit the Friends to retain some of its cash on hand for future projects. The broad support for this campaign is encouraging to the Friends Board. It means there is wide backing for the work required to complete the remaining segments of the bike path."

"The Town of Mattapoisett is very grateful to all those who are contributing to this campaign and making it possible to complete the Marion Connector in the near future," said Mike Lorencio, Mattapoisett town administrator. "The fact that many contributions are from residents of other towns in the area is evidence of the regional importance of the bike path."

The "Marion Connector" is a half-mile bike and pedestrian path between the eastern end of Industrial Park Drive and the Marion Town line. (At the border, it will connect with a similar shared-use path to be constructed in the future by the Town of Marion.) It provides a trailhead with handicapped-accessible parking and access to the woodland trails of Tinkham Forest and the Aucoot Woods area. When Marion's Pathway project (which is funded and currently in permit review)



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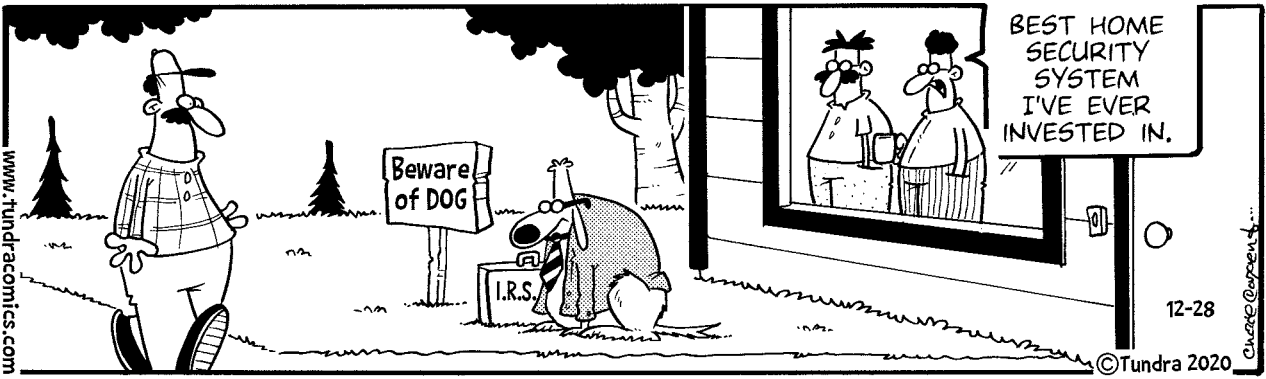
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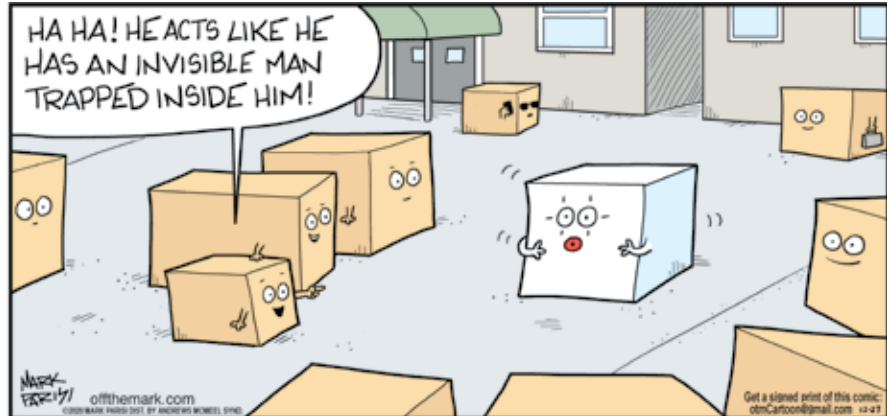
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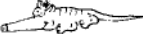


Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



is complete, walking, running, and cycling on a paved shared-use path will be available between Point Road in Marion, Route 105 in Marion, and Industrial Drive in Mattapoisett.

The Friends is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, so contributions to the Friends for the construction of the Marion Connector are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. 

Friends of the Mattapoisett Bike Path, P.O. Box 1336, Mattapoisett, MA, 02739.
Contacts: Liz DiCarlo, 508-942-9343, lizdicarlo@comcast.net; or Bill Coquillet, 216-789-2303, william.coquillet@gmail.com.

Mattapoisett Land Trust Story Walks

Just in Time for you, your family, and friends to explore during the Holidays! The Mattapoisett Land Trust Education Committee, in collaboration with the Mattapoisett Library and the ORRHS Community Service Learning students, teachers, and parents, has installed two new, very stimulating story walks.

You will find them on the Dunseith Property off Route 6 by "Salty the Seahorse" and the Munn Preserve Property off Mattapoisett Neck Road, just before the entrance pillars of Antassawamock, to your right.

Not only are the walks exciting and fun, but there is also an emphasis on nature and scientific matter. Wendy Copps, MLT board director and Education Committee



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member, said, "The Munn Property Story Walk, *A Green Day* by Antoinette Portis, is a poetic conversation with nature and allows the reader to meander down the beautiful path to the conclusion at the beach on Brandt Island Cove."

Mary Cabral, MLT director and Education Committee member said, "A great partnership has been established with ORRHS Community Service Learning Students and Karen Browning, Math teacher and advisor." Mary said, "It is nice to be surrounded by positive and energetic young people while working on the beautiful Land Trust Properties." The students worked on two separate Saturdays, October 24 and November 21.

Karen Browning said that she has lived in



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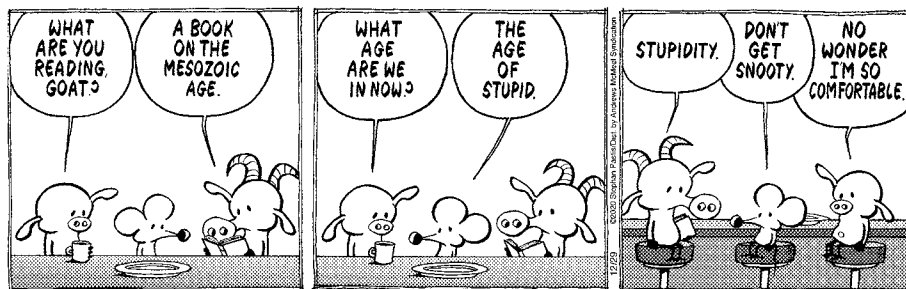
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Mattapoisett for 25 years and never explored the Munn property. It has been because of Karen's continued support of the MLT Education programs that we are most grateful for, as she spends hours and days helping to organize our events for the students, said Ellen P. Flynn, board director and chair of education. "Karen's dedication to our organization is phenomenal."

Our education mission is to enhance students' environmental awareness through hands-on learning experiences in our community, and we believe their exposure to nature is essential for growth and development for a healthier life.

Wendy Capps also explains the Story Walk at Dunseith Property, the book entitled *Rosie: Stronger than Steel* by Lindsay Ward, is about a tractor, inspired by the women who acted with courage and strength in the American factories and British farms during World War II. "This story allows the reader to explore the forested area near a brook," Wendy says.

Mike Huguenin, MLT president, said, "The Land Trust hopes these new story walks will encourage families to enjoy the outdoors and the MLT's beautiful properties throughout the cooler months to come." Mike believes we all need to focus and explore a taste for the use of our natural resources.

Please visit our website mattlandtrust.org for more photos, trails, events, and our podcast.

Marion Town Offices

Due to the increase of COVID-19 in our community and for the protection of our employees and residents that conduct business with them, Marion Town Offices will remain open by appointment until further notice.

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The Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum is looking for dedicated volunteers to serve on our board of directors. We are seeking creative, enthusiastic, and devoted individuals to grow and diversify a small and ambitious museum focusing on history, art, and culture in Mattapoisett and the surrounding area.

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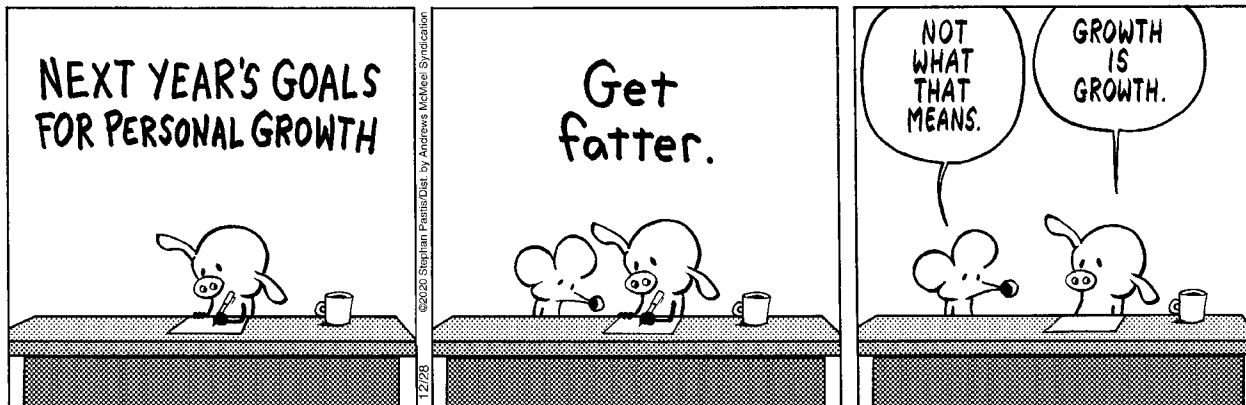


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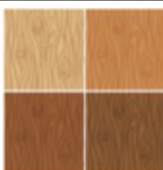
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Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse, Inc. is an organization solely dedicated to the restoration and preservation of Ned's Point Lighthouse in Mattapoisett, Massachusetts. This will be accomplished through fundraisers and the sale of lighthouse-related gifts, educational materials, and clothing promoting educational awareness, volunteerism, and membership benefits.

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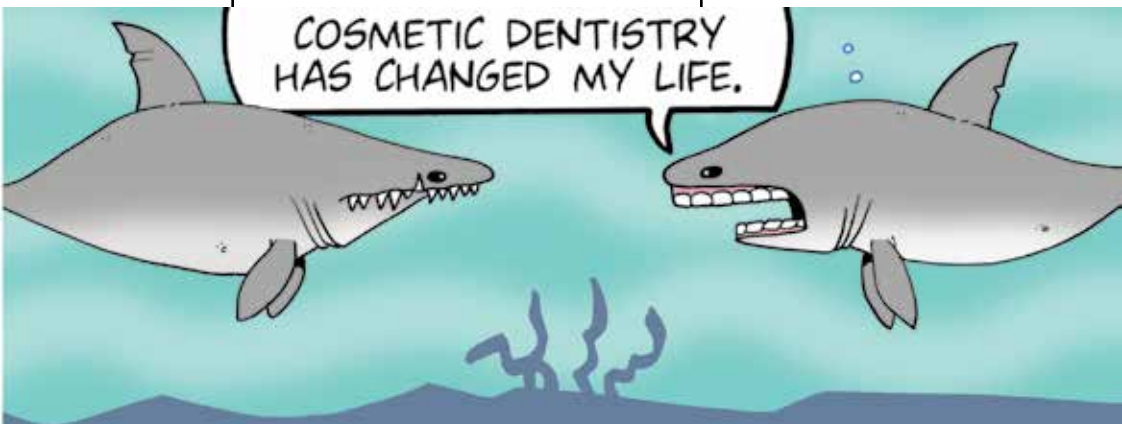
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Alexis "Lexi" Lord	January 1
Alissa Holt	January 1
Ava Teixeira	January 1
Brianna Grignetti	January 1
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Ted Wright	January 1
Stephen Arne	January 2
Betsy Finch-Kaplan	January 3
Carissa Bailey	January 3
Juliana Nicolosi	January 3
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Alexandra Poyant	January 4
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Clint Cooper	January 4
Jennifer J. Scott	January 4
Stephen Hathaway	January 4
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Catherine Messier	January 5
Marian Vance	January 5
Tiffany Figueiredo	January 5
Bruce Baggarly	January 6
Michael Muldoon	January 6
Noah Hathaway	January 6

If you would like The Wanderer to announce a birthday for yourself, a friend or family member, please submit your information online to us at www.wanderer.com. To submit information by regular mail, please send the person's name (month and day) along with your name and phone number so we can confirm the information to Birthdays, c/o The Wanderer, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. You may submit birthday announcements anytime during the year and they will be published/posted during the appropriate week.



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Donations can also be sent to "Friends of Ned's Point Lighthouse", P.O. Box 537, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

SLT Reservation System for Osprey Marsh

Sippican Lands Trust has changed its reservation system for visits to the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk in Marion with reservations required only on Sundays of any given week. Monday through Saturday will be open for visitors to walk the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk, and those days of the week will not require a reservation to visit the boardwalk.

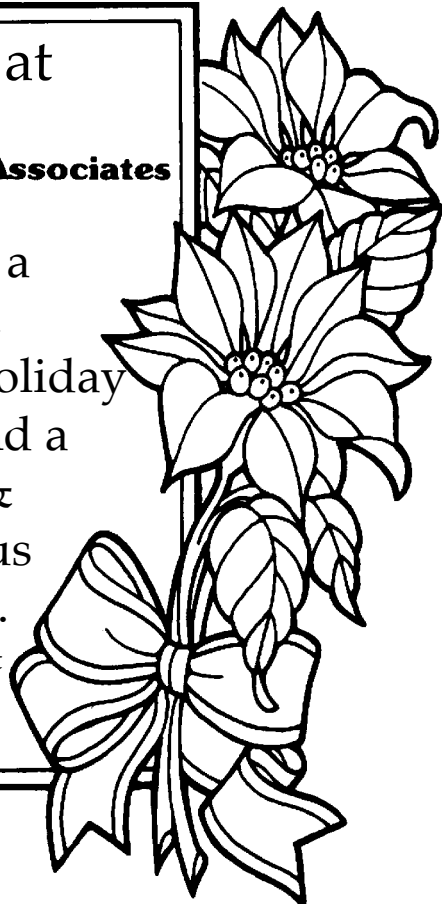
Sippican Lands Trust introduced its popular reservation system on June 4 to keep visitors safe during Covid-19 including those visitors using wheelchairs, strollers, or walkers. To make an appointment to visit the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk for an hour appointment on Sundays of any given week, please visit sippicanlandstrust.setmore.com. Please wear a mask and practice social distancing when exploring the Osprey Marsh Accessible Boardwalk during any visit.

SLT's 1,800-foot Osprey Marsh Universally Accessible Boardwalk is located on Point Road in Marion. This project builds on the generous donation by members of the Smoyer/Howland family of the 20-acre Osprey Marsh property of forest and marshland on Planting Island Cove. The project has been designed to minimize environmental impact and to maximize accessibility

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Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our February 4, 2021 issue. The winner will also receive a cash prize of \$100!



Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 25.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 27 and end on February 1. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our February 4, 2021 edition.



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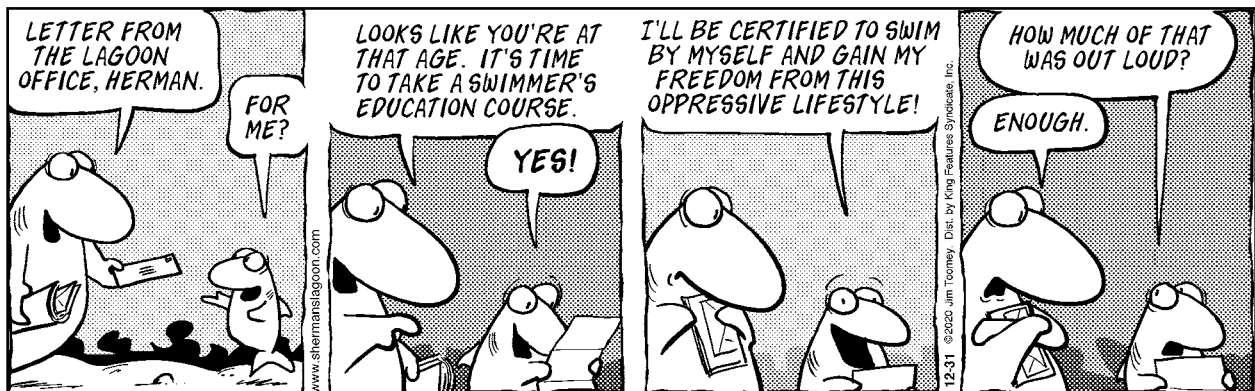
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SHERMAN'S LAGOON by J.P. Toomey



for infants in strollers, older adults, and persons with mobility impairments, including those in wheelchairs. The universally accessible boardwalk proceeds from the Osprey Marsh parking area through maritime forest, wetlands, and fragile salt marsh habitat to a viewing platform overlooking Planting Island Cove.

Numerous SLT donors, members, and friends have stepped up to support this project including a \$38,000 grant from the Town of Marion's Community Preservation Commission for project design and permitting. The boardwalk was designed by Peter Jensen and built by local contractors, W.S. Bradford and Sherman Briggs.

Sippican Lands Trust continues to seek donations from the public to support the long-term maintenance of this boardwalk. More information about the project and how to support it can be found at sippicanlandstrust.org/2017/10/osprey-marsh-boardwalk-project/.

Town of Marion: Online Building Permits Available

Building Commissioner Scott Shippey is pleased to announce that Marion residents are now able to obtain building permit applications online.

Residents can now complete building permit applications online by visiting the Building Department website at www.marionma.gov and clicking the "Online Permitting" tab in the left menu. A kiosk is also available for residents to complete building permit applications electronically at the Town House.

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Residents who wish to continue to submit paper permit applications will still be able to do so.

"We are excited to bring this new feature and make it easier for residents to complete their building permits online and support a greener, paper-free option," Town Administrator Jay McGrail said. "We also think this is a good time to launch online permitting and urge residents to file permits electronically to keep business going while minimizing social contact during the coronavirus pandemic."

Anyone who has questions about the online permitting process can call the Building Department at 508-748-7516.

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Knauss, John-paul Kimball, Stefanie L	Callahan, Lorinda W	237 Converse Rd	Marion	12/09/2020	900,000.00
Callahan, Lorinda W	Whitman Homes Inc	42 Prince Snow Cir	Mattapoisset	12/10/2020	799,900.00
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Keating, Miriam Burke, Aaron	Baird, Dawn M Vaccaro, Steven J	66 Paradise Ln	Rochester	12/10/2020	685,000.00
Mcmahon, Boaz	Sachem Construction Inc	7 South St	Middleboro	12/14/2020	810,000.00
Keane, Kristopher Andrew Keane, Kristopher A Keane, Helen Dorothy Keane, Helen D	Endsley, Mary Deyett, Ken	29 Edgewater Ln	Marion	12/14/2020	490,000.00
Vail, Jonathan H Vail, Karen P	Larrabee, Glenn S Pontrelli-larrabee, Donna	20 Olde Knoll Rd	Marion	12/14/2020	770,000.00
Hassan, Barbara A	Preserve At Bay Club LLC	18 Split Rock Ln Lot 124	Mattapoisset	12/15/2020	624,900.00



Local Tides

Day	Date	High		Low	
		a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Thursday	December 31	8:26	8:54	1:42	2:45
Friday	January 1	9:08	9:39	2:24	3:20
Saturday	January 2	9:53	10:27	3:06	3:54
Sunday	January 3	10:42	11:18	3:50	4:31
Monday	January 4	11:35		4:38	5:14
Tuesday	January 5	12:12	12:30	5:35	6:05
Wednesday	January 6	1:07	1:26	6:46	7:06
Thursday	January 7	2:04	2:26	8:18	8:12
Friday	January 8	3:06	3:32	9:46	9:16
Saturday	January 9	4:11	4:38	10:52	10:16
Sunday	January 10	5:14	5:39	11:47	11:11
Monday	January 11	6:10	6:34		12:39
Tuesday	January 12	7:03	7:25	12:03	1:29
Wednesday	January 13	7:52	8:14	12:54	2:15
Thursday	January 14	8:40	9:02	1:46	2:53
Friday	January 15	9:27	9:49	2:34	3:26
Saturday	January 16	10:13	10:37	3:18	3:58
Sunday	January 17	10:59	11:26	4:01	4:30
Phases of the Moon		Last Quarter New Moon First Quarter Full Moon		January 6th January 13th January 20th January 28th	

I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 24, 2020 edition the Aardvark was on page 6!

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Ellio's Cheese Pizza..... **2/\$6**
 Fresh Baked 15 oz. 12 ct. Selected
Cookies..... **\$4.49**
 Fresh Baked
 22 oz. Pkg.
**Raspberry
 Pie**
\$4.99



Quality Meats, Deli & Prepared Foods

Friends'
 Premium Certified
 Black Angus
 Store Ground
**Ground
 Chuck**
\$5.29
 lb.



Boar's Head
 Vermont
**Cheddar
 Cheese**
\$6.99
 lb.



Allen's
 Rotisserie
Chicken
\$8.99
 ea.



Dear friends & customers,
 To stay posted on the latest information about store hours,
 product availability or to simply receive a cheerful update
 to brighten your day, we have created a new



Facebook page for the store!

Please "Like" and "Follow"...

Friends Marketplace–Plumb Corner

Please email your order with your phone number to
 Plumb@FriendsMarketplace.net for

Curbside Pickup

We are here for you and are honored to serve you
 during this unprecedented time.

– The Friends' Marketplace at Plumb Corner Team

Wine & Beer

**All Beer is
 Plus Deposit**

750 ml California, Chardonnay
Bread & Butter Wine . **\$13.99**

750 ml California, Pinot Noir
Mark West Wine **\$9.99**

16 oz. Cans
 4 Pack Selected
Artifact **\$13.30-\$15.50**

We have over 75
 varieties of wine
 (& more coming)
 that are only
 3/\$15 or \$5.99 ea.
 Mix & Match wines
 from California,
 France, Italy,
 Argentina, Chile, &
 Australia!

Cheese & Spreads

16 oz. Pkg. Selected
Cedar's Hommus..... **\$3.99**

12 oz. Pkg. Reduced Fat or Traditional
Athenos Feta Cheese..... **\$6.99**

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!

Check our new selections of
**Local & Craft Beer,
Cider & Wine!**

- Safety Guidelines**
- Face covering required at all times in the store
 - Limit trips (buy more at once)
 - Only 1 shopper per household when possible
 - Keep a safe social distance



Friends Market at
Plumb Corner was
Voted #1 for Deli
& Garden Center/
Nursery for 2020!



**565 Rounseville Rd.
Rochester, MA 02770
Phone: 508.763.5333**

*Open at 7am daily!
Closed New Year's Day.*

Friends'
marketplace

*We now offer curbside pickup!
Please call the store
for details.*

at PLUMB CORNER

Open Daily: 7am-8pm

We reserve the right to limit quantities & correct typographical errors. Illustrations are for design purposes only. Items are while supplies last and no rain checks. Due to current market conditions, item retails may change and products may become unavailable unexpectedly.

SALE EFFECTIVE: Saturday, January 2 – Thursday, January 7, 2021



Blockbuster Savings!



Friends'
Premium Certified
Black Angus
**Porterhouse
Steak**
\$11⁹⁹
lb.

Friends'
Store Baked
**Turkey
Breast**
\$7⁹⁹
lb.

Folgers
10.3-11.3 oz.
Selected (Excludes
Decaf)
Coffee
2/\$6

Chobani
5.3 oz. Selected
**Greek
Yogurt**
4/\$5

Stormalong
16 oz. Cans
4 Pack
\$12-\$14⁵⁰

La Vieille Ferme
1.5 Liter, France
Rosé
Wine
\$14⁹⁹

Superior Quality Produce



3 lb. Bag
Clementines **\$4⁹⁹**

16 oz. Pkg.
Blueberries **\$2⁹⁹**

Stem & Leaf
Satsuma Mandarins **\$1⁹⁹**
lb.



Fresh
Honeycrisp Apples **\$1⁶⁹**
lb.

Hass
Avocados **\$1²⁹**
ea.

3 ct. Pkg.
Romaine Hearts **\$2⁹⁹**

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